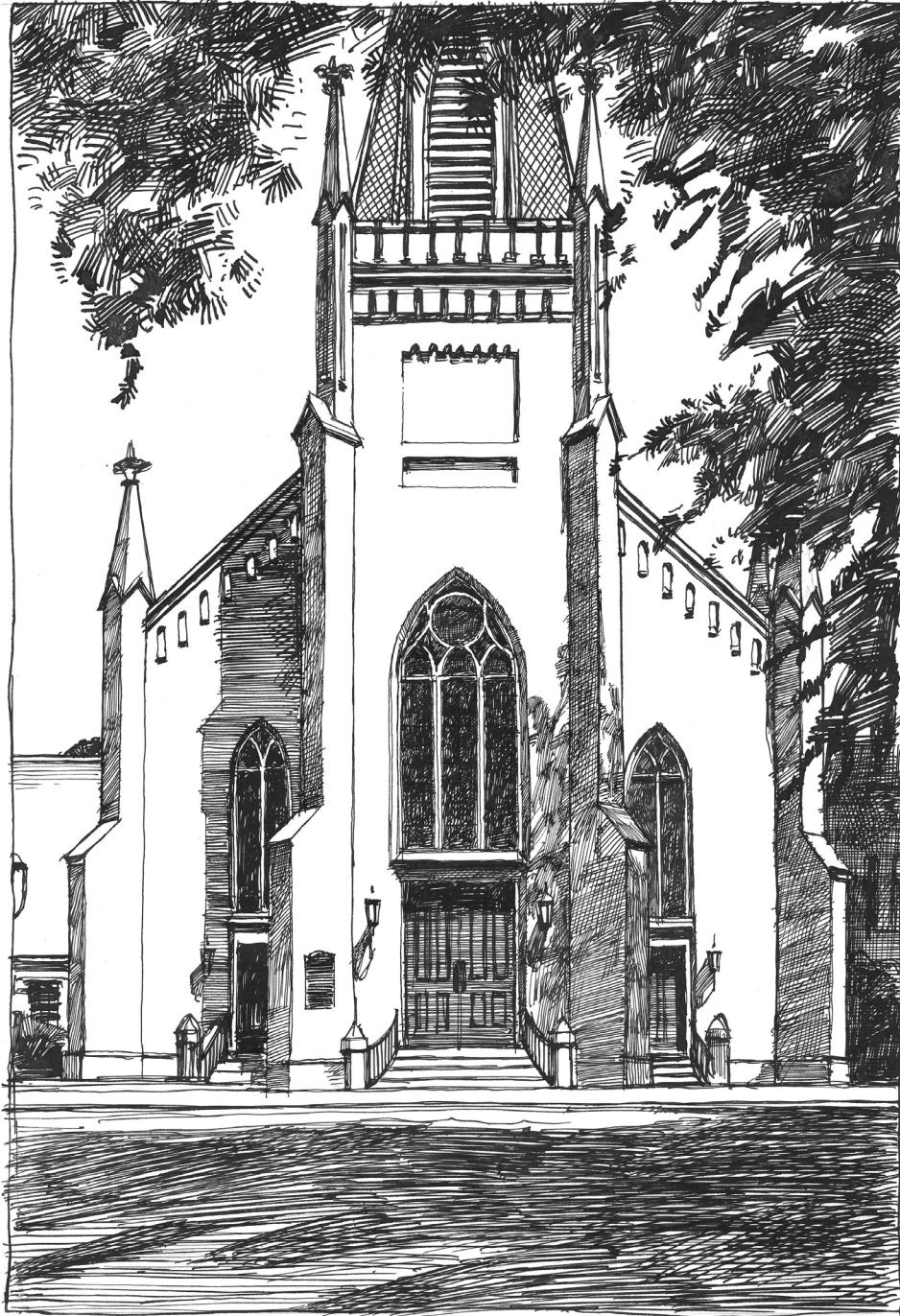


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | AUGUST 24, 2025 | ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



We invite you, whoever you are and whoever God is helping you to become, to join First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte in our journey of faith. God is love, and that love is for you. You belong as a child of God, and we welcome you. Come experience how that belonging might change you and our world as we seek to be for Christ in the heart of Charlotte.



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Are you interested in joining our church? Contact Jane Ives, Membership Coordinator, jives@firstpres-charlotte.org.



PREPARATION

Prelude | Offertoire sur les grands jeux | François Couperin

Words of Welcome | Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

ADORATION

Choral Call to Worship | Hal Hopson

O be ye joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before his presence with a song.

+**Hymn No. 611** | “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” | HYMN TO JOY

CONFESION

Call to Confession | Lucy Crain

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+**Response to Pardon** | Hymn No. 581 | GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Time with Children

Children ages three through first grade may leave for First Church. They will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn. Older children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Anthem | “The Word Was God” | Rosephanye Powell

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made that have been made; nothing was made he has not made. All things were made by him.

Scripture | Job 40:6-14, 42:1-6 | pew Bible p. 486

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | "I've Always Wondered: Who Made God?" | Pen Peery+**Hymn No. 19** | "God of Great and God of Small" | GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL**RESPONSE**

+**Affirmation of Faith** | from *The Heidelberg Catechism*, question 1 | Lucy Baum

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Stewardship of Life | Presentation of New Members**Presentation of Tithes and Offering****Offertory Anthem** | "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands" | arr. Margaret Bonds
Christina Pier, soloist

He's got the whole world in his hand. He's got the woods and the waters in his hand. He's got the sun and the moon right in his hand; he's got the whole world in his hand. He's got the birds and the bees right in his hand. He's got the beasts of the field right in his hand; he's got the whole world in his hand. He's got you and me right in his hand. He's got everybody in his hand. He's got the whole world in his hand.

+**Doxology** | OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

+Prayer of Dedication**SENDING FORTH**

+**Hymn No. 12** | "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" | ST. DENIO**+Benediction****+Benediction Response** | "Amen" | DANISH**Postlude** | Grand Chœur | Théodore Dubois

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ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Part of our offering today goes to the Ten-Cents-a-Meal program which is used to purchase fresh foods for our on-site Nourish Up food pantry.

We welcome Chris & Kelsey Barth; Anne Margaret & Joey Bartholomew; Hilary & Joe Chang; Taylor & Ethan Meredith; Jane McGinn; Lucy & Russ Racine; Tracy Racine; Ginger Robinson (in absentia); Abe & Lisa Somers; Jacob Spahr; and Ann & Ken Ward into the full life of First Presbyterian Church.

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Oliver James Johnson, son of Dave Johnson and Katie Daniel, on August 15, 2025.

If you wish to sponsor sanctuary flowers for a baptism, marriage, memorial/honorarium, or special occasion, please notify Diane Maye at dianenmaye@hotmail.com.

Today's Worship Leaders:

The Reverend Pendleton B. Peery, Senior Pastor

Lucy Baum, Director of Formation

The Reverend Lucy M. Crain, Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission

William P. Young, III, Director of Music Ministries

Kaitlyn Davros, Assistant Director of Music Ministries